

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives wholeheartedly believe that a successful marriage forms a firm foundation for a lifetime of happiness and security and wish to salute an outstanding Missouri couple whose union confirms that philosophy; and

Whereas, Mr. and Mrs. Freeman H. Sebastian, treasured residents of Jackson, Missouri, commemorated the resplendent occasion of their Fiftieth Wedding Anniversary on August 23, 2003, with a festive reception and dinner hosted by their children at Immanuel Lutheran Church Parish Hall, followed by an Open House at their home; and

Whereas, joined in marriage before the eyes of the Lord on August 23, 1953, Freeman H. Sebastian, son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Hugo H. Sebastian, and Shirley A. Zeller, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Edward M. Zeller, began their lives together as husband and wife after a memorable wedding ceremony attended by Marilyn Zeller, Barbara Ludwig Bowers, the late Emogene Schnurbusch, Patsy Hauenschield Southard, Judy Zeller Westrich, Janet Sebastian Wendel, Elmer Sebastian, the late Walter Sebastian, Nelson Sebastian, and Glenn Zeller, at Immanuel Lutheran Church; and

Whereas, a proud father and caring husband, Mr. Sebastian provided a safe and secure future for his loved ones through many years of stellar employment with Do-It-Best Corp. in Cape Girardeau, while Mrs. Sebastian enjoyed her family immensely and distinguished herself as an exemplary employee of Holiday Inn for many years until her much-deserved retirement; and

Whereas, Freeman and Shirley Sebastian attribute their fifty years of wedded success and happiness to their strong sense of faith and family, the foundation upon which they have planted the seeds of their love and respect for each other in the generations to follow which include their three children and their spouses, Randy and Mary Sebastian of Peoria, Illinois, Sherry and Tony Jesse of Jefferson City, and Patty and Jeff Sherman of St. Louis; and their grandchildren, Heather Sligar of St. Louis, Adan and Ana Sebastian of Peoria, Jeremy Jesse and his wife, Heather, of Columbia, Skylar Jesse of Jefferson City, and Tyler and Hailey Sherman of St. Louis; and

Whereas, with the words of the Lord to guide their way, Freeman and Shirley Sebastian have remained devoted life partners and have put forth a tremendous amount of effort to ensure the sanctity of the vows they took so very long ago:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, unanimously join in a thunderous round of applause for Freeman and Shirley Sebastian upon the glorious celebration of their Golden Wedding Anniversary, and in wishing them tremendous peace, prosperity, and contentment as they proudly begin their sixth decade of wedded success and happiness; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Mr. and Mrs. Freeman H. Sebastian, as a measure of our esteem for them.

Offered by _____
Representative Scott A. Lipke
District No. 157

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of
Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, First

Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 4362, adopted October 8, 2003.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker